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SECDEF WASHDC//OASD/PA PRIORITY

CSAF WASHDC//SAFCI PRIORITY

CINCPAC HICKAM AFB HI//CI//LO PRIORITY

USSAG/7AF NKP RTAFB THAI//CI PRIORITY

COMUSMACHTHAI BANGKOK THAI PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY SAIGON PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 987

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, CB, TH

SUBJ: MEDIA COVERAGE OF BIRD AIRLIFT OPERATION FROM THAILAND

REF: CINCPAC PA LNO BANGKOK'S 161940Z JAN 75

1. WE FAVOR COOPERATION WITH PRESS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AND SEE NO OBJECTION TO EXPOSURE OF CURRENT BIRD AIRLIFT OPERATION TO SCRUTINY BY TV AND PRESS REPORTERS, TO THE EXTENT THIS MAY BE COMPATIBLE WITH DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS IN THAILAND.

2. ON OTHER HAND, UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING FUTURE MEKONG CONVOYS POSE AT LEAST A POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN SCOPE OF AIRLIFT SUPPORT FROM THAILAND TO CAMBODIA. WE CANNOT ASSESS WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, NETWORK COVERAGE OF AN AUGMENTED AIR OPERATION MIGHT HAVE ON WHATEVER PLANS WASHINGTON MAY BE FORMULATING

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FOR SEEKING INCREASED SUPPORT FOR CAMBODIA FROM THE

CONGRESS. HOWEVER, SEEN FROM PHNOM PENH, IT WOULD BE  
PREFERABLE TO HAVE REPORT COVER RELATIVELY MODEST  
LIFT OF EIGHT TO TEN AIR LANDINGS A DAY, WHICH IS  
PRESENT RATE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST THAT SCHEDULED US MEDIA  
VISITS TO U-TAPAO AS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL TAKE PLACE  
AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS REQUESTED.  
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